

Public Hearing on

Resolution to adopt a Proposed Amendment to County Charter - County Executive - Term Limit  
- Two Consecutive Terms Petitioned Amendment

before

The Honorable Andrew Friedson  
Council President  
Montgomery County Council

July 16, 2024

Testimony of Aaron Droller  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Good afternoon members of the Montgomery County Council (“Council”). My name is Aaron Droller and I live in Silver Spring. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the proposed charter amendments. As Council President Friedson stated at introduction, the Council’s only role with respect to the term limits amendment is to review the language of the ballot. The county attorney’s language for the ballot petition is clear, unambiguous, and meets the intent of the proposed ballot petition. It should be approved by this Council.

The Charter Commission’s recommendation in its June 13<sup>th</sup> memo to include an alternative charter amendment is clearly intended to confuse, nullify, and thwart the will of the voters. The Charter Commission is an unelected, politically unaccountable body and its recommendation is inappropriate and undemocratic. No competing amendment should be considered by this Council in this election cycle. If the Council wishes to put the Charter Commission’s alternative before the voters, it should be placed on the ballot for the 2026 election cycle.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Montgomery County.